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A Toronto Racing Track.

Now is the time for some action to be taken by the cyclists of the city if they wish to have a track which will draw outside racers. The lacrosse club are building and arranging their new grounds and we think would be pleased to hear proposals from the cyclists in regard to a track. That there will be a track is beyond question. Then why not have it a good one? No doubt suitable arrangements can be made with the lacrosse club if the matter is taken in hand. Do not wait until the track is already constructed, as it may be found no better than the present one, and it will then be too late to make alterations without large additional outlay. Next year will in all likelihood be the best racing that has ever been seen in Canada, and there is no good reason for depriving Toronto audiences of the pleasure of witnessing fast pedalling.

There is Nothing to be Gained.

To a stranger reading the last two issues of the *Wheelman* and *CYCLING* it would appear that the correspondents, ostensibly representing the opinions of the Hamilton and Toronto Bicycle Clubs, had said just as much as it would be possible to write about the various meetings these two organizations have had this summer. But in each succeeding issue some insinuation a little more indelicate is made, some inuendo a little more offensive in its indefiniteness, and so it has gone from time to time, until now the correspondents have apparently forgotten the imaginary cause of their dispute, and are keeping the fight up on general principles. How much has the sport advanced in the estimation of the right thinking and well-

disposed class of cyclists in Canada, since the publication of Hamilton's letter in the October number of the *Wheelman*? As far as this paper is concerned this style of contributions will have to cease. We appreciate the kindly interest always shown by "Hobby" and "Karl" in us, but we cannot, and will not, allow contributions derogatory to the name of any individual, it matters not where he may reside, in the columns of *CYCLING*. We think it only necessary to mention the matter to have our friends see the point we wish to make. There is nothing to be gained by these personal allusions, but there is an unlimited amount of harm to be done by their continuance. Let us have lots of bright, wholesome, elevating discussion, but no more of this tiresome and disagreeable backbiting.

London Races.

The race meet of the Forest City Bicycle Club is a thing of the past, and we are again doomed to disappointment as far as seeing a match between Carman and Palmer is concerned. The former was there, but where was Palmer? We understand he was out of condition and did not care to meet Carman unless when riding his best. This is good as an excuse, and we see no reason for doubting it, but the general public will rather lean to the explanation that Palmer preferred not to meet his sturdy opponent this year.

Carman rode well in the half-mile dash, and defeated the field. In the mile he allowed his opponents to get too much of a lead, and Hyslop made excellent use of his head by gradually drawing away so far and then spurting to the finish.

In the five-mile Hyslop was Carman's equal, if not his superior, for the latter rather lost ground than gained. Skerrett and Wells were hardly in it with the other two.

One advantage Hyslop possessed over previous races he had contested, he rode a racing wheel, which will probably account for his performances. We predict great things for him next season, and have no doubt but that he will hold some of the championships on July 2, '92.

Club Runs.

The officers of the Toronto clubs are complaining of the poor attendance on the regular Saturday runs during the season, but they cannot expect much improvement in that direction so long as indiscriminate